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Alexandria Man Indicted for Series of Robberies

(Alexandria, Virginia) – James Edward Rose, age 35, of Alexandria, Virginia, was indicted by a federal grand jury yesterday for interfering with commerce by robbery and attempted robbery, using a firearm during a crime of violence, possessing an unregistered firearm, possessing ammunition after a felony conviction, attempted witness tampering, and attempting to impede an official proceeding. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; Edgar A. Domenech, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Washington Field Division; M. Douglas Scott, Chief of Police, Arlington County Police Department; and, Colonel David M. Rohrer, Chief of Police, Fairfax County Police Department, made the announcement. Rose faces a maximum penalty of life in prison.

According to the indictment, Rose attempted to rob two convenience stores in Alexandria and Arlington, Virginia, and successfully robbed three other convenience stores in Alexandria between January 18, 2007, and February 22, 2007. The indictment alleges that Rose used a handgun in one of the attempted robberies and one of the successful robberies, firing a round during each incident. The indictment also alleges that Rose used a short-barreled shotgun in the final three incidents, one attempted robbery and two successful robberies, and that he fired a round from the shotgun during the attempted robbery.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Fairfax County Police Department; and, the Arlington County Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Stephanie Hammerstrom is prosecuting the case on behalf of the United States.

Criminal indictments are only charges and not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed to be innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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